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Zimmerman's wife arrested, accused of perjury

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Should Zimmerman's wife be charged with lying?

STORY HIGHLIGHTS

- Shellie N. Zimmerman makes bond
- She is accused of perjury regarding testimony about family finances
- Her husband is charged with second-degree murder in the death of Trayvon Martin

(CNN) -- George Zimmerman's wife was arrested Tuesday afternoon for allegedly lying at his bond hearing about the couple's finances.

Shellie N. Zimmerman, 25, faces a perjury charge, according to Jackie Barnard, spokeswoman for the State Attorney's office for the Fourth Judicial District of Florida. She met conditions for a $1,000 bond and was released Tuesday afternoon, according to the Seminole County Sheriff's Office.

At her husband's April 20 bond hearing, Shellie Zimmerman was asked whether the couple had financial means to assist in the defense.

"Uhm, not -- not that I'm aware of," she replied, according to a probable cause affidavit filed Monday.

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Did Zimmerman and his wife talk in code?

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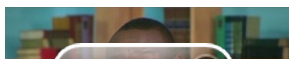MARTIN'S PARENTS MAKE PLEA FOR CHANGE

'Trayvon Martin' amendment

She also testified under oath she was not aware of how much had been raised from a website soliciting cash for George Zimmerman's defense in the February shooting death of Trayvon Martin, 17, in Sanford, Florida. Zimmerman said he acted in self-defense.

In April, Zimmerman was charged with second-degree murder after the case was referred to a state attorney for a review. He was released from custody later that month after posting bail.

On June 1, Seminole County Judge Kenneth Lester Jr. ordered Zimmerman back to jail, accusing the suspect of not being truthful about how much money he had access to when his bond was set.

Prosecutors alleged that George Zimmerman, 28, actually had about $135,000

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Police: Trayvon Martin's death 'ultimately avoidable'

updated 11:13 AM EDT, Fri May 18, 2012

Florida, urged prosecutors to take George Zimmerman into custody after arguing his killing of Trayvon Martin was "ultimately avoidable."

Crump: If Trayvon lied, he'd be in jail

had about $135,000.

According to the affidavit, prepared by an investigator with the State Attorney's office, the Zimmermans discussed finances via phone before the April 20 bond hearing.

Those talks included the transfer of money from George Zimmerman's account to accounts of his sister and wife, according to the affidavit.

Records show $47,000 was transferred from George Zimmerman's account to his sister's account from April 16 and 17, authorities allege. Shellie Zimmerman transferred more than $74,000 from her husband's account to her account from April 16 to April 19, the affidavit states.

George Zimmerman asked his wife in jail calls to "pay off all the bills," including an American Express bill and a Sam's Club card, prosecutors allege.

On April 24, after his release on bond, Shellie Zimmerman transferred more than $85,500 from her account back to George Zimmerman's account, according to the affidavit.

Shellie Zimmerman will be arraigned July 31.

Prosecutors have alleged the Zimmermans spoke in code when discussing the money in a credit union account, according to court documents filed by State Attorney Angela B. Corey.

Zimmerman "fully controlled and participated in the transfer of money from the PayPal account to defendant and his wife's credit union accounts," Corey said in court records. "This occurred prior to the time defendant was arguing to the court that he was indigent and his wife had no money."

The judge "relied on false representations and statements" by Zimmerman and his wife when the court set his bond at $150,000, Corey said. Zimmerman was required to post only 10% of that.

Defense lawyers have argued that "the vast majority of the funds in question are in an independently managed trust" that Zimmerman and his attorneys cannot access directly.

"The audio recordings of Mr. Zimmerman's phone conversation while in jail make it clear that Mr. Zimmerman knew a significant sum had been raised by his original fundraising website," attorneys said last week. "We feel the failure to disclose these funds was caused by fear, mistrust and confusion. The gravity of this mistake has been distinctly illustrated, and Mr. Zimmerman understands that this mistake has undermined his credibility, which he will have to work to repair."

The attorneys said Zimmerman did disclose the existence of the funds five days after the bond hearing, during his first conversation with the defense about the fund. "When the defense team learned of the funds, we disclosed this to the court and to the State Attorney's Office, and the money was transferred to the Legal Defense Fund, which is now independently managed," the defense said.

Of the $204,000 raised by the website, about $150,000 is now in the defense fund and $30,000 was used "to make the complicated transition from private life in Sanford, Florida, to a life in hiding as a defendant in a high-profile court case."

The remainder, about $20,000, "was kept liquid to provide living expenses for the first several months as the legal process unfolds," attorneys said.

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Fl is worried about black violenece. Why not white?

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ner9

She should have got all that money and moved to Russia. Zimmie would still be out on bail and she out of jail.

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TribecaGal

She should have used some of that money for a trip to the hair salon and a makeover!

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it was meant for defense, not personal use.the judge made a grave error and will not be a judge for long.

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she did

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blacks love gays lol.

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Khaleeeesi

She didn't know any better. Most women don't have the slightest clue about finances.

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kokenx10

Dont worry we wil nail Holder for f&f and Obama for national security leaks:) months away:) hahahahahaahahahahahahahahahahaha rmember 2010. It will be worse. WE DONT WANNA PAY FOR U!!

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Piscesgal609

Love how the people who donated to Zimmerman's fund support a gun-toting racist egomaniac who couldn't defend himself against an unarmed teenager who was minding his own business. I understand protecting your community but that's what police are for or utilizing pepper spray or a stun gun!

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> **rickgf**
>
> I donated because I think this whole prosecution stinks of political reasoning, he would not have been charged except for the fact that every influential black racist in the world chimed in and that includes our clown pres, He looks like my son I never had, just how stupid is Obozo
>
> 2 minutes ago   in reply to Piscesgal609   Like

> **dphockey13**
>
> Funny how your money put him back in jail. Irony.
>
> 1 minute ago   in reply to rickgf   1 Like   Like

> **rickgf**
>
> Oh well if he needs more I have a few bucks I can spare
>
> 0 minutes ago   in reply to dphockey13   Like

> **flipnlucky**
>
> LOL never thought of that...thats great!!!
>
> 1 minute ago   in reply to dphockey13   Like

> **rearguard**
>
> You shouldn't blame them. After all, Zimmy's their hero - he represents all that they are and could ever hope to be: Paranoid, aggressive, and comparable in IQ with your average potted plant.
>
> 3 minutes ago   in reply to Piscesgal609   2 Likes   Like

> **kokenx10**
>
> we should have waited until T killed somebody.
>
> 3 minutes ago   in reply to Piscesgal609   Like

JoeApe

She belongs in a cage with a bunch of gorillas. She looks like an ape

7 minutes ago   2 Likes   Like   Reply

roscoe66

So what major city in Fla. do they burn down first when George is found not guilty? Any guesses?

8 minutes ago   Like   Reply

> **rearguard**
>
> Post your address, and we'll make sure it's yours.
>
> 1 minute ago   in reply to roscoe66   Like

> **scprettyboy**
>
> I think they are start in Orlando and start boycotting places like Disney and tourist attractions
> which basically makes Florida what it is. That'll be the smarter move, but as far literally
> destroying a city.... Hands down sanford first.
>
> 6 minutes ago   in reply to roscoe66   1 Like   Like

> **kokenx10**
>
> Not Maimi this time.
>
> 6 minutes ago   in reply to roscoe66   Like

> **Trace007**
>
> ummmmmmm.......give me a minute.......
>
> 7 minutes ago   in reply to roscoe66   Like

JoeApe

Put her in a cage with a bunch of apes... then she can be with family.

9 minutes ago   Like   Reply

SquallyZ06

What's wrong with her face? Looks like she had an allergic reaction to a bee sting.

9 minutes ago   Like   Reply

dphockey13

GZ supporters only focus on what Martin was doing, if not going home. BUT, if there is 3 minutes from
when he says OK to the dispactch and when they encounter eachother, what was Zimmerman doing?
That is plenty of time to get back to your car.......

9 minutes ago   6 Likes   Like   Reply

> **remmett70**
>
> That is a good question. But for trayvon to be going home, and zimmerman to be walking to
> his truck. and the shooting to happen where it did. Trayvon would have had to turn around and
> go back towards Zimmerman.
>
> 1 minute ago   in reply to dphockey13   Like

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This page has a list of links and contacts that faculty and staff members may find helpful.

Frequently Used Links

- FacStaff Webmail (or the new version)
- SAS Meeting Maker web calendar
- Blackboard login
- Courses inTouch
- PennNet Phone (VoIP) Services

Help with Fixing Your SAS Computer

- Computing help for faculty and staff is provided by your Local Support Providers (LSPs).
- SAS Computing
- Computer Fixer (recommended service for computers not owned by SAS)

Network & System Status

- SAS Computing Notification Service (notices of system outages)
- PennNet Status
- University Network and Server Status

Supported Technology

- Email (facstaff) for SAS instructors
- Software products supported at Penn
- Operating systems supported in SAS
- Hardware configurations recommended in SAS
- PennConnect DVD (currently recommended software)

Course Management

- Courses inTouch (CiT): class lists, online grading, course problem notices
- Help and access information for the Online Grading system
- Help for Course Problem Notices (CPN)
- Blackboard course web sites: Blackboard login, Blackboard links and contacts
- Class Mailing Lists from lists.upenn.edu (see our page Class Mailing Lists for information)
- Registrar
- Classroom Finder (Classroom Technology Services)
- Request for change in classrooms (Classroom Technology Services)
- Online Course Evaluations (Frequently Asked Questions; Evaluation Response Reports)
- Penn Course Review
- Midterm Course Evaluations

Teaching Resources

- Instructional Technology & Pedagogy Support Services for Faculty (a consolidated list)
- Center for Teaching & Learning (approaches to improving instruction)
- Engaging Students Through Technology (blog)
- Teaching Options for a Snow Day

Research Resources

- Services for Researchers (Office of the Vice Provost for Research)
- Office of Research Services
- Center for Technology Transfer (patents, copyrights, trademarks)
- Research at Penn (e-publication)s
- Scholarly Commons@Penn for SAS (repository of research)

Document Management

- Managing Your Documents: Solutions for SAS Faculty & Staff
- Managing Your Documents: Working From Your Office Desktop Computer

Technology Facilities for Instructors

- Multi-Media Services: equipment loan, videoconferencing, and other media services
- Language Resource Center
- Weigle Information Commons (WIC) and Vitale Digital Media Lab in Van Pelt Library

Academic Advising & Administration

- Advisor inTouch (AIT): access and assistance
- Major Advising Program (MAP)
- College General Requirement Course List
- Institutional Research Query Database (IRQDB)

- External Credit Evaluation Tool (XCAT): Contacts for XCAT
- Student Record System (SRS) Help and Contact Information
- Course Search & Schedule Planning Tool
- group.sas mailing lists (mailing lists for SAS groups)
- Web Design Services for Departments and Centers
- Survey Builder (see database applications for information)
- Web Form Handler (see database applications for information)

Security, Privacy, & Acceptable Use

- Penn Computing Security and Privacy
- Basic Information Security for Instructors and TAs
- PennKey ID and password
- How to Sponsor a Guest on Penn's Wireless Network
- One Step Ahead (Security Tips)
- Computer Security
- Privacy
- SAS Spam Shield (see information about SAS Spam Shield, Proofpoint spam protection)
- Anti-Virus Software
- Security and Privacy Impact Assessment (SPIA)
- Record Retention Schedule
- Secure Share (secure file exchange on the web — see information page)
- Policy on Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources at Penn
- Acceptable Use of mail.sas
- Cloud Computing: acceptable use guidelines at Penn

Learning about Technology

- Technology Training Services
- WICshops (workshops at the Weigle Information Commons), including Technically Speaking
- For more resources, see: Technology Training and Skills Development

University Links

- Penn Portal
- U@Penn (information about your employment and benefits)
- Penn Computing (ISC): university-level computing and communication services
- Penn Computer Connection (academically priced computer equipment and software)
- PennNet Phone Services: VoIP (Voice over IP) telephone and voice mail service (What is PennNet Phone?)
- Green IT (environmentally conscious computing)
- Office of Software Licensing (site licenses)
- Penn Web Style Guide
- Penn eCards (Greetings from Penn)

Who, What, When, Where

- Penn directories of students, faculty, and staff: find a person or update directory listings
- Penn Directory Search for mobile devices (www.upenn.edu/mdir)
- Event calendar
- Academic calendar
- Campus maps
- Penn A-Z (alphabetical list of Penn entities)

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- School of Arts & Sciences (SAS): academic departments
- The College (undergraduate division of SAS)
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- College of Liberal and Professional Studies (LPS), formerly known as College of General Studies (CGS)
- Graduate Division (GAS)
- Finance and Administration (FAS)